



Hong Kong Telegraph.



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—

D. Gillies, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
W. Watson, Esq.,
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:—

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent, Palmer & Co.
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery & Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallow.
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Bankers:—

London:—The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Scotland:—The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SHANGHAI.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
His Ex. Hui Fu Yuen, Esq.,
Ma Kie Tohung, Esq.,
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.,
J. D. THORNTON, Manager pro tem.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills purchased and collected. Advances made on Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual Bank Agency business undertaken.
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1892.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£3,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£180,000.

LONDON:

Head Office.....49, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office.....15, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, Issues Letters of CREDIT, forwards Bills for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Insurances.

THE FUNDS

OF THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE ARE invested entirely within the British Dominions and are thus free from the complications which might arise in time of war. They now amount to Seven Millions Sterling, and have increased 50 per cent in the last 25 years.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....£2,000,000.
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1892.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TARI, 500,000, } \$933,333-33.
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND } \$314,000-00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.,
LOO TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRATA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

Notices of Births.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has This Day established himself as AUCTIONEER and GOODS BROKER.
GEO. P. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1891.

NOTICE.

MY Son, HENRY HUMPHREYS, was admitted into Partnership with me on the 1st day of July last.
JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1891.

THE Business heretofore carried on under the name of JNO. D. HUMPHREYS will henceforth be continued under the name of JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.
JNO. D. HUMPHREYS & SON.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1891.

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

MONDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1892.

Under the patronage of
H.E. Major-General G. DIGBY BARKER, C.B.
GRAND ASSAULT-AT-ARMS
at which will appear the
"HYPO OF A HUNDRED FIGHTS"

PROFESSOR WOLFF BENDOFF,
assisted by
MEMBERS OF THE V. R. CLUB

and
LORNE ATHLETIC CLUB.

(By kind permission of Col. V. CHATER).

Mr. A. H. WYBERT.

Roller Skating and Bicycle Burlesque.

EXHIBITION BOXING

by
Gentlemen Amateurs,

Private J. HANLEY v. Corp. THOMAS.
Private F. SULLIVAN v. Private E. G. LUNNEY.

PRO. WOOLY BENDOFF v. Mr. W. WARKER.
(Grand Wind Up)

WOOLY BENDOFF v. Mr. A. RODGER.
M. C.—Staff Sergeant J. TENNANT.

Tickets may be obtained at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd.

ADMISSION:—\$2 and \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors 50 cents Back Seats.

Doors open at 8.30, commence 9 p.m. sharp.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1892.

Auctions.

AUCTION OF SUPERIOR WINES, SPIRITS, &c., THE STOCK OF THE PEAK HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 19th January, 1892, 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

THE STOCK OF SUPERIOR WINES, SPIRITS, LIQUEURS, &c.,

Comprising:—

CHAMPAGNE, WHITE SEAL, GOLD FOIL MONOPOL, JULES MUMM, POMERY and GRENOL, &c.

CHATEAUX MOUTON, ROTHSCHILD, CHATEAUX MARGAUX, ST. JULIEN, &c.

SHERRIES, PORT, BURGUNDY, CHAMBERTIN, SPARKLING MOZELLE, SAUTERNE, CHATEAUX YVOUEM, HENNESSY

BRANDY, GINGER BRANDY, GIN, &c.

ABSINTHE, CURACAO, CHARTREUSE, NOYAU, &c.

Australian and California WINES, BASS, LAGER and other BEER, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1892.

To be Let.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES IN KNUTSFORD TERRACE containing 5 Rooms each and Bath-rooms. Tennis Courts. Healthy situation. Cheap Rent.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1891.

TO LET.

THE PREMISES known as Bowington Foundry with Dwelling House (5 Rooms).

Also,

A Large GODOWN, SHEDS and YARD.

For further particulars, apply to

GORDON & Co.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1891.

TO LET.

No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1891.

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

A LARGE WELL VENTILATED GODOWN in Duddell Street. Rent very moderate.

Apply to

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891.

Hotels.

THE SHAMBEEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes' walk of the "River Steamer Wharves," is now open to receive

Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Room, and accommodation generally, will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expert hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liqueurs, &c., of the best quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD ROOM, and

A. K. DO-ROZARIO, Manager.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891.

Intimations.

FOR SALE.

KEROSENE COOKING STOVES.
KEROSENE WARMING STOVES.
COFFEE MACHINES, TEA MACHINES.
NURSERY SPIRIT LAMPS and KETTLES.
AFTERNOON TEA SPIRIT LAMPS and KETTLES.
TRAVELLERS' SPIRIT LAMPS with UTENSILS.
CHILDREN'S FOOD WARMERS.
SILICATED CARBON FILTERS.
MAGNET'S RAPID FILTER.
The Unbreakable COLONIAL FILTER (filters a gallon of water per hour) price \$7.

LANE, GRAY & CO.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

INKS.

ANTOINET'S VIOLET BLACK COPYING INK.

LYONS' BLUE BLACK WRITING INK.

Do. do. COPYING INK.

STEPHENS' do. WRITING INK.

Do. do. COPYING INK.

Do. do. SCARLET INK.

Do. do. SCENTED VIOLET INK.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1892.

W. POWELL & CO.

COOKING AND HEATING STOVES for Oil or Coal.

LAMPS! LAMPS! LAMPS!

LAMP CHIMNEYS, GLOBES, WICKS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1892.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

CHRISTMAS DESSERT.

FINEST MUSCATEL TABLE RAISINS, FINEST JORDAN ALMONDS, TURKEY and ELEMA FIGS, CHOCOLATE CREAMS, BONBONS and FANCY SWEETS, CALADAI & BOWEN'S BUTTER SCOTCH, EVERTON TOFFEE and RUSSIAN TOFFEE, PUDDING RAISINS, CURRANTS, CANDIED PEELS, ORANGE, LEMON, CITRON and MIXED. Special XMAS-GIFT—Assorted Case One Dozen WINES and SPIRITS, LTD.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.

18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

Telegrams "MOUTRIE" Hongkong. (UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL):

JUST RECEIVED A VERY LARGE COLLECTION OF EDITIONS,

LITOLFF & PETERS,

Including Nos. for 2, 4 and 8 hands, Solos for FLUTE, CORNET, VIOLIN, PIANO, &c.

PARCELS SENT ON APPROVAL.

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

HONGKONG, (And at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

Hongkong, 29th December, 1891.

W. BREWER

HAS JUST RECEIVED,

GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S "Songs of Two Savoyards" set to Music. China Coast Tide Tables, 1892. Practical Telephone Handbook. New Illustrated Shakespeare, in Rustic Leather Case. Balfour's "My Chinese Sketch Book" Mark-Twain's Birthday Book. Owen's Marine Insurance. Handsomely bound Prayer Books. Sen's Large Stamp Albums. Gent's Russia Leather Boots and Shoes. Dancing Pumps, Warm Slippers. Smith's Diaries, Lett's Diaries. North-China Date Book. New Collections of Songs and Dance Music.

W. BREWER.

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1891.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

DRESS SUITS.

NEWEST MATERIALS, FROM \$30 SILK LINED.

A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEEDS, AND OTHER SUITINGS.

EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, latest style.

EVENING DRESS TIES and GLOVES.

EVENING DRESS & HOSE, SILK, THREAD, and MERINO.

EVENING DRESS SHOES and PUMPS.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1891.

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

AND

Commission Agents.

RESPECTFULLY INVITE INSPECTION OF THEIR VARIED STOCK OF

CHOCOLATES, SHORTBREAD, TOFFIES, &c.

SCOTCH HEATHER, HONEY, &c. per bottle.

OUR SPECIAL LIQUEUR WHISKY.

BRANDY, BEAULIEUX'S.

ALE BASS' Read Bros., Bull's Head.

STOUT GUINNESS Read Bros., Bull's Head.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1891.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 537.

WITH reference to Government Notification No. 514 of the 9th December, 1891, notice is hereby given that the time for receiving SEALED TENDERS, for the purchase of the OPTIMUM FARM has been extended to the 19th January, 1892, the tenders already received not being considered satisfactory.

By Command,

W. M. GOODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1891.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries at Stone-cutter's Island, from the 7th January till the end of the month, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS excepted. The line of fire will be in Western and South-Western directions from the Batteries. All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,

W. M. GOODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1891.

WANTED.

A BARMAID for the GRAND HOTEL.

Apply

ON THE PREMISES.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1892.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Third Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 18th of January, 1892, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday the 18th to Monday the 25th of January, 1892, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.

Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1892.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Third Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the City Hall, on MONDAY, the 25th January, 1892, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1891.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from Monday the 18th to Monday the 25th January, 1892, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.

General Agents for the West Point Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1892.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Fourth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the City Hall, on MONDAY, the 25th January, 1892, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1891.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday the 18th to Monday the 25th January, 1892, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.

General Agents for the West Point Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1892.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Fifth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the City Hall, on MONDAY, the 25th January, 1892, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1891.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday the 18th to Monday the 25th January, 1892, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.

General Agents for the West Point Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1892.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty-first Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 15, Bank Building, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 29th January, 1892, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 29th inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1892.

THE LABUK-PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.
CHEMISTS, &c.
COD LIVER OIL JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow stout and fat, and although it contains 50 percent of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all natty taste and flavour is entirely covered. In glass jars at 7s. 6d. per bottle.
COD LIVER OIL 'GENUINE' NORWEGIAN.
This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy livers only in its manufacture, and as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are able to guarantee it 'Genuine'.
Per bottle, 7s. 6d. and 1s. 2s.
COD LIVER OIL EMULSION.
A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.
Per bottle, 1s. 2s.
COD LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES (Lime and Soda).
A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.
Per bottle, 1s. 2s. Per dozen 12s.
BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIGUORICE.
For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Throat, &c.
In bottles, 10s. 6d. and 1s. 2s.
BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.
A never failing remedy for Coughs.
In bottles, 10s. 6d. and 1s. 2s.

Nov. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

AMERICAN CHEROOTS.

These CHEROOTS, made from a fine selected quality of PENNSYLVANIAN TOBACCO 'LEAF', are mild, well matured, of excellent flavour, and will be found equal to Havana. They are meeting with much favour in the Colony as an agreeable change from the usual Manila Cigar, and we confidently recommend them to the notice of Smokers.
PRICE 5s. 6d. per Box of 250.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

PORTS, SHERRIES, CLARETS, BRANDY, SCOTCH WHISKY, IRISH WHISKY, BOURBON WHISKY, GIN and RUM. Our favourite and well-known Brands of the above are bought direct from the most noted shippers, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices. We shall be pleased to furnish full particulars and price lists on application.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.
Sold in Tins containing 100 lbs. each.....\$1.50
do Bags do 250 lbs do\$4.00
Directions for use are given on the label.

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS"

LAWN MOWERS.
The best and cheapest Machines in the market, for sale at manufacturers' prices.

LAWN GRASS SEED.

SWEET CORN SEED.

A fresh supply of the above just received.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

DEATH.

At the Peak Hospital, on January 11th, 1892, JOHN ENOAR, aged 43 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1892.

"GRANNY'S" ENTERPRISE.

The *Daily Press* obtains its alleged exclusive right of publishing highly original novels from news agencies such as TILLOTSON & SON, of the *Evening News* Office, Bolton, Lancashire, a firm that has made a great name in supplying a certain class of journals, generally weekly papers that circulate among the working-classes in large industrial centres, with what is more elegantly and more correctly described as "news-paper literature." Now, if our morning contemporary chooses to fill up its gaudy, dreary and generally undecipherable columns with periodical monsoons of sickening gush from modern so-called novelists, that is the business of the Editor and proprietor; and if the readers of the *Daily Press* are contented to accept such trash as a fair return for their subscriptions—830 per annum, no less—why that is their business. But when the Hongkong morning paper impudently flaunts a bombastic advertisement before the public, belauding its own falsely asserted journalistic enterprise in rhapsodizing terms, and indulging in a strain of high-falootin self-glorification that is a discredit to decent journalism, we

have a right to intervene. And we mean to have our say for the express purpose of exposing smug-faced hypocrisy.

This is the way our respectable contemporary opens the ball:—

At heavy expense we have secured for our Fiction Columns a brilliant combination of literary talent.

NEW AND ORIGINAL NOVELLETES BY TEN OF THE BEST KNOWN LIVING WRITERS

will appear in due course in the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."

The Novelists whose names appear above are so well known to the great mass of our readers that it is unnecessary to say much in their praise. The Authors and their books are familiar as "household words," and we feel sure we have merely to announce that the latest stories by the foregoing gifted Novelists will be published in the *Hongkong Daily Press* to guarantee increased interest in the space we devote to Original Fiction.

The Opening Story of the 'Series will be by the Author of "By Celia's Harbour," MR. WALTER BESANT, Author of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," "The Captain's Room," "The Revolt of Man," "St. Katharine's by the Tower," &c., &c.

This is all very fine and promising if it were only true—but it isn't true by a long chalk. Our contemporary claims to have secured, at a heavy outlay, the exclusive right of original publication of ten novelettes by ten of the best known living writers. The claim, in plain English, is a lie, and nobody knows that better than the man who wrote the ridiculous puff, of which the above is an extract. We venture to say, without any fear of contradiction, that the ten novelettes to be 'originally published' in the *Daily Press*, or most of them, are already dragging out a miserable existence in scores, nay hundreds of papers throughout the world. The whole thing is a sham and a pretence which any decently respectable newspaper would be thoroughly ashamed to acknowledge.

And now about the vaunted heavy expense! Messrs. TILLOTSON honour us by almost every mail with courteous invitations to become subscribers to their "Newspaper Literature." Here are their latest attractions offered to readers of the *Hongkong Telegraph*—

HAWLEY SMITH'S LATEST NOVEL, "BEATRICE AND BENEDICK,"
A Romance of the Crime.
Complete in Forty-Five Newspaper Columns, or Fourteen Good Installments.
27 Price for Publication in one Local Paper, 27

Clients can be supplied with the following Illustrations to the Story—Three Double Columns and Three Single Columns Blocks (including Author's portrait)—Terms for Electrons, £1.7.6.

"A FAIR CRUSADER,"
A STORY OF TO-DAY.
By William Westall (A. S. Watson, Esq.).
25 Price for right to Publish in one Local Paper, 25.

"A Fair Crusader" makes over Fifty Newspaper Columns, and is divided suitably for Publication in Seventeen Good Installments. The Story is illustrated with 35 Single Column Blocks (including Author's portrait)—Terms for Electrons, £3.5.0.

Captain HAWLEY SMITH, we have no hesitation in affirming, is a more generally popular novelist than any one of the "ten best known living writers" whose valuable services have been exclusively chartered at such tremendous expense by the *Daily Press*, and coming down to the stern logic of figures we find that forty-five newspaper columns of the famous sporting writer's "BEATRICE AND BENEDICK" is going at a beggarly price for the paltry sum of £7—say 45s. or the magnificent outlay to the newspaper proprietor of one dollar per column. Mr. W. WESTALL'S "A Fair Crusader" is even a cheaper line—over fifty columns for a five-pound note, exactly 6s. cents per column. And this is the "heavy expense" the *Daily Press* so loudly trumpets, and the brainless class of journalism a so-called public newspaper makes not only a specialty of supporting but also a peg on which to base a claim to public support. Why, the Wyndham Street "rag" hasn't even the liberality to spend a few shillings for the amusement of its readers in elects, and the portraits of the "brilliant combination of literary talent" it claims to have secured, to try and raise its reputation as a newspaper from the dead gutter level it has occupied for so many years past.

TELEGRAMS.

ILLNESS OF PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR.
LONDON, January, 11th.
Prince Albert Victor of Wales is suffering from a severe attack of influenza-pneumonia. His strength has been maintained.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A SHARP shock of earthquake was experienced at Kobo at 4 o'clock p.m. on the 3rd inst. No damage reported.

WOODMAN'S well-known Australian Circus will be amongst us in a week or so, when that excellent show will open in a large tent to be erected at West Point, opposite Jardine's Wharf. The circus is so old-established and popular that we need hardly say much more in its favour; but special mention must be made of Mrs. Zaida's "Slide for Life," having by the tenth to a report on which she slides the whole length of the building.

At the convention of the Christian Alliance in Hartford recently, the Rev. B. Kelso Carter, who is evidently a big man in the profession, announced the second coming of Christ within four years.

We are requested to state that, in consequence of the illness of Capt. Fremantle, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, the Ball proposed to be given at Government House on Thursday next by Sir William and Lady Robinson has been postponed.

Thus the *Hippo News* of the 4th inst.—Kobe residents were startled on Sunday morning at 2 a.m., by the violent ringing of the fire bell. The conflagration proved to be in the street leading to the waterfront. Several houses were destroyed.

The booking of seats for the Assault at Arms in the City Hall on Monday goes on merrily. Major-General Barker and party will, it is understood, be present, and there will be very few vacant seats on Monday night before Professor Benoit and his friends.

The "Butterfly Variety Company," from India and the Straits, will be here at an early date, and as soon as they have taken in all the stray shelds that the nightingale public of Hongkong may be disposed to lavish upon them, will spread their wings and, heading northwards, will alight in the Model Settlement.

PROMINENT amongst the reports current in Tokyo, says the *Kobe Herald*, is one to the effect that Count Ito will shortly resign the post of President of the Privy Council and be succeeded by Count Yamagata, and that Mr. Nakajima Nobuyuki, ex-President of the House of Representatives, will be appointed a Privy Councillor.

"Storm Warnings."—Magnifics—Typhoon coming, caps.

Mc Gloty—Howdier now?

Magnifics—My forard corn on the starb'd side's at it again—Wish I could do something to it.

Mc Gloty—Hire it out to D. Beck!

A CRITIC in the Western States, in describing the performance of one of the army of misadventured soldiers, says: "She is as graceful as a cat and shews her teeth like a tiger. Her singing voice resembles a gas-pipe laid in the wrong street." Supposing we had written half as much about any one of the brilliant artists in the Hongkong pantomime—what then?

We hear that Messrs. Farnham & Co., of Shanghai, have offered to raise the stranded steamer *Marfa*, now lying at the mercy of the elements in the Bay (Chefoo) for Teles 50,000, and that Capt. Keble has written his owners in Germany for instructions. It probably that the offer will not be accepted, and that the *Marfa* will be sold by auction at an early date.

A SAVANT friend of ours, who writes very unflatteringly of Hongkong special juries, remarks that Justice is blind, but not so much so as the man who goes to law with the idea that he is sure to get justice in Hongkong. We will go one better than this. Justice in Hongkong for any man who happens to be for any reason a *perpetra ingratum* with the nondescript so often found acting as special juries, is an utter impossibility—and we speak from experience.

THERE is a gentleman now on his way to Hongkong who will doubtless be able to unearth all sorts of funny things. His name is Baldwin, and he has been reading the thoughts of white men, and black men, and yellow men, and fawn-coloured men, Hindus, Brahmins, Mahomedans, Christians, Agnostics at his own *own*, and now he goes to offer his services to the ever-grateful and long-suffering thousands of this fair Isle.

WITH a view of having a series of practical experiments as to the merits and utility of Capt. Mahan's plan of giving each light of the light-house establishment a numerical distinguishing characteristic, the U.S. Lighthouse Board has ordered the manufacture in France of a fourth-order flashing lens No. 23, for trial at Robb's Reef, New York harbor. The lens will cost about \$6,000, and the experiment will demonstrate whether numerical flashing signal lights can be substituted for the present system of lights. Capt. Mahan's plan is to give each light a separate and distinct number, and to have that number communicated to the mariner by a system of short and long flashes. The offshore lights are to be white and the in-shore lights are to possess an element of red. The main purpose of the system is to make each light tell exactly its location and to prevent all possibility of its being mistaken for any other light.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.	
Ningbo.....	Steamer, from Canton.
Mylo.....	" Canton.
Chingtu.....	" Sydney.
Amoy.....	" Shanghai.
Maya Foster.....	" Kutchinatu.
Nanshan.....	" Swatow.
Sigan.....	" Wuhu.
Aggregating 7,562 tons, register.	
Outward.	
Taller.....	Steamer, for Moji.
Chingtu.....	" Shanghai.
China.....	" Yokohama.
Actie.....	" Hainow.
Djibouti.....	" Singapore.
Huphane.....	" Swatow, &c.
Yungking.....	" Shanghai.
Aggregating 13,965 tons, register.	

A NEW chief champion of the ballet is found in the Rev. William Stephen Calver, the rector of St. Mark's, Hulme, Manchester, who has so much to say in favor of the ballet as a work of art, and about ballet-dancers as members of society. Although he says a good deal of praise exists upon the subject, a ballet is nothing more nor less than a drama in pantomime, with a distinct plot and well-defined characters. The dress of the dancers, which is traditional in form, is intended solely to allow free play to the limbs. Both the plot and the dancing may be suggestive of evil, but this suggestion of evil is not inherent in the ballet any more than in a picture, a novel, or a spoken drama. Good ballet-dancing in Mr. Calver's opinion, is as true and beautiful in its way and subject to its own limitations as the interpretation of a sonata of Beethoven by an accomplished and sympathetic violinist. Not only, he adds, has the ballet met with prejudice, but the dancers have incurred much undeserved contempt and reproach. Although in many circles they are regarded as persons of indifferent morals, they are by no means so much to be condemned or pitied as is supposed. The path of a dancing girl is, of course, beset with difficulty and danger, but the proportion of moral failure in her branch of life is very slightly, if at all, in excess of that in other branches of female labor. They work very hard, we are told; they are good-natured, cheerful, self-reliant, and shrewd; for those with whom he has come in contact, Mr. Calver says he has nothing but admiration and respect.

At the Magistracy to-day Mr. Wise held an inquest on the body of the sickly coolie who died soon after being assaulted in Queen's Road on Saturday. An open verdict of "death from hemorrhage resulting from rupture of the spleen" was returned.

At Newcastle County Court last month the Pearl Insurance Company contested a claim on the ground that the rupture of a blood vessel in the lungs was not disclosed in answer to a question as to whether the man insured had suffered from bodily disease. The man recovered from the hemorrhage, but afterwards died of consumption. The judge held that the accident was not a bodily disease within the meaning of the question, and gave judgment for the widow.

THE WRECK OF THE "NAMCHOW."

The report of the Commander of H.M.S. *Porpoise* was received by Admiral Richards yesterday, but it contained no further news as regards the wreck of the *Namchow*. The Commander, alleged to have escaped from the sinking steamer, and reported as "travelling overland to Swatow," had not reached Swatow at the time Captain Burr closed his official despatch respecting the search for wreckage and traces of survivors or of the dead near Cupchi Point.

Presumably the *Porpoise* proceeded to Cupchi Point with a view to continuing the search as soon as Captain Burr sent off his report, so it is just possible that a good deal of important information will reach Hongkong from Swatow in a few days.

Messrs. Ben Mob & Co. received last night a telegram from Swatow as follows:—

"*Namchow* sunk, 45 passengers and 4 crew—people saved."

They have not a full list of passengers, but it is known that 23 adults and one child were shipped from Hongkong for Amoy. The others were all from the Straits.

The Acting Harbour Master has kindly forwarded for publication the following copy of telegram received last night, 12th January, at 10 p.m.

"From Swatow.
"To the Admiral, Hongkong.
"*Namchow* sunk, 50 Chinese saved; arrived here; 434 drowned—*Porpoise*."

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the third report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Office, at noon on the 18th January:—

The Directors now submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1891.

The profits amount to £1,607.16, out of which sum \$600 of Preliminary Expenses, Directors' and Auditors' fees, have been deducted and written off, leaving a balance of \$37.16 to be carried forward to credit of New Profit and Loss Account.

The terrace of sixteen houses is now complete and eight houses are occupied.

DIRECTORS.
Mr. J. H. Cox has been invited to join the Board, and his appointment now requires confirmation.

Mr. Hon. P. Ryrie and Mr. P. A. Gomes retire by rotation but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.
The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thos. Arnold and R. Lyall, who now retire and offer themselves for re-election.

THE FATSHAN TROUBLES.

(FROM OUR CANTON CORRESPONDENT.)
12th January, 1892.

After the mandarins' people had seized the godowns and put a crowd of soldiers in charge, as already reported, they came back to the place on Saturday morning (9th), this time bringing about a dozen junks and launches with them from Canton. They then made a clean sweep of the godowns, removing everything but the bare walls and roofs. They even took the glass from the windows.

It took them all day loading the merchandise, furniture, &c., into their boats, and by Sunday morning they started down river again in grand procession, with much screaming of launches whistles. The goods seized this trip consisted mostly of cotton yarns and tin plate. The revenue was mostly all taken before. Every article was duly paid in full, as there will be no difficulty in proving. From the books which were carried off, the mandarins or their men looked up the names and address of every Chinese trader who had an account in the books, and then forcibly took from every man implicated a sum exceeding the amount of his business. They threatened to shut entirely all the Hongkong and Swatow that did business through the "transit pass" system, or any system except the arbitrary *li-hin*. Some of the offending merchants were made to pay as much as \$1,500. The two Chinese servants of Mr. Wenyon, who were arrested on a charge of being in the employ of foreign devils, have not been released although substantial bail has been offered. The Consul has appealed to the Viceroy, pointing out that under Art. XVII of the Convention of Peking, British subjects who may commit any offence in China are punished by the British authorities, and that Art. IX authorizes British subjects to travel in the interior for purposes of trade, with passports; that Art. XII stipulates that "The Chinese Government will place no restriction whatever upon the employment by British subjects of Chinese in any lawful capacity." The Viceroy replied that he had "secret information" emanating from the foreigners—"it would be a strange case if ever there were none of that kind to be had"—and that the goods seized were not the property of a British subject, but of Chinese owners under the cloak of an English name, evading the *li-hin* tax.

This is exactly the same reply that was given in 1856 by the then Viceroy in the case of the *Jersey Arrow*, which was seized under circumstances identical with the present. The war of 1860 was the result.

As the matter stands, the Chinese all over the country are completely terrified, and dare not trade with the Europeans for fear of getting into trouble. This practically means utter ruin to the Europeans concerned, who can now do no trade in Fatsan, or even Canton, so long as this illegal oppression of the mandarins is tolerated. The *li-hin* authorities are so universally detested that though at first, when the trouble arose, the inhabitants were threatening to rise against foreigners, yet as soon as it was found to be a *li-hin* oppression, it would have been an easy matter even to stir up a pro-foreign riot. One amusing case was that of a Chinese merchant whose papers, books, and money had been confiscated; he was a deacon of the Christian church, and all the church documents and funds were seized.

The whole trouble arises out of the exterior mandate of local mandarins, who are

such a chronic abuse all over China. The inland *li-hin* dues are arbitrarily fixed, and are most oppressive. To obviate these, the Treaty of Tientsin provides that a European may take goods with him to a specified place inland under a transit pass, for which 2½ per cent. is charged in addition to the Imperial Customs dues. That releases the goods from all further charge, and, of course, leaves the *li-hin* people out entirely. So, to force the trade back into the channels over which they have control, they imposed an embargo in the shape of a "town tax," bringing the dues on goods up to the *li-hin* rate. Then they absolutely prohibited the removal of goods in Fatsan, insisting that "consumption on the premises only" was the rule, which of course is absurd.

Then, to avoid these obnoxious restrictions, the Europeans sent goods under "native transit passes," which are more expensive than ordinary ones, but still free from *li-hin*. Now, as a trump card, the mandarins have seized the whole of the goods in Fatsan and stopped the trade entirely, to the ruin of the traders and the utter defiance of the treaties with Foreign Powers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents, in this column.)

THE FIRE AT QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—In the *Telegraph* report of the above fire it states that "Mr. Lemm saved most but not all of his books and papers."

Although it is the reverse of pleasant to have to admit otherwise, and as I have stated, the true case to many kind enquiring friends, I trust you will allow my correction of the above statement.

From the time of the alarm to the time of my exit from the building was only a quarter of an hour, and during this time, my wife and I had only time to dress ourselves and our baby and hurriedly leave the building. I secured a few plans, papers, account books and diaries, but everything else, including some valuable plans that were pinned to my draughting-boards, was lost in the flames.

Yours truly,
JOHN LEMM.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1892.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Chingtu*, Capt. A. Hunt, arrived in harbour from Sydney and Australian ports this morning. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our Sydney exchanges:—

LONDON, December 7th.
The rescue parties at the colliery at St. Etienne, in France, where the explosion took place, have recovered 58 bodies. They were all totally charred. The accident was caused through the stoppage of the ventilation, due to the fault of the foreman.

The Car has ordered a grand national lottery in aid of the famine in Russia. It is expected to realise £1,000,000 sterling.

December 8th.
Mr. Cripps, the Democratic candidate, has been elected to the position of Speaker of the United States House of Representatives by a slight majority over Mr. Mills, the law tariff Democrat from Texas. The *New York Standard* says that the result of the election is an indication of the ascendancy of the protectionist section of the Democratic party, and means that Governor Hill, of New York, will be nominated for the presidency.

It is feared that the proposed Antarctic expedition will have to be dropped, owing to the refusal and neglect of the Australian Governments to subsidise the project. Baron Nordenfjeld says that he is willing to proceed with the expedition, and to undertake the command of the selected vessels. Baron Dickson complains that the proposal has been treated with scant courtesy.

It is expected that the Customs Union entered into between the Powers participating in the Triple Alliance will have the effect of strengthening the political status of the alliance.

The London County Council elections, now taking place, are being fought out on political lines.

The Rev. John McNeill, of Regent's Park Presbyterian Church, London, is resigning his pastorate, and intends to become an Evangelist in Scotland.

December 9th.
President Harrison, of the United States, has refused to sanction the commercial convention between Germany and America for reducing the corn duties conditionally on sugar being admitted free to America.

La Liberté, a Paris Republican Journal, says that the commercial treaties recently entered into between Germany, Austria and Italy were designed as an economic league against France.

The press of Germany, Austria and Italy generally approve of the terms of the new commercial treaties.

The German priests at present on strike are appealing to the London trades unions for support.

The Car has expressed himself as exceedingly pleased at the pacific outlook in Europe.

In his message to Congress, President Harrison announces that the difficulty in connection with the Behring Sea has been satisfactorily arranged for all parties concerned.

His advice is joint action on the part of the Governments of Great Britain and the United States in fixing definitely the boundary line between Canada and the States. He expresses regret that the boundary of British Guiana has not yet been settled. Referring to the McKinley Bill, General Harrison asserts that the measure is generally favorable to the creation and fostering of new industries. He expresses himself opposed to the free colonies of silver.

ADELAIDE, December 10th.
The Treasurer last night said the House would probably be prorogued next week. In reply to a question the Chief Secretary said he did not think that South Australia would be justified in interfering in the matter of the influx of Chinese to West Australia until it was proved that a large number of Chinese were actually arriving. The Premier of West Australia had informed him that the Chinese were coming from the Northern Territory more than from any other part of the world. A division was taken on the second reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill, the result being—Ayes, 23; noes, 22. The bill lapsed, as there was not an absolute majority.

LONDON, December 10th.
The *Domination*, ship, 255 tons, of Liverpool, bound from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Port Pile, was driven ashore at Blyth during the gale in the Channel, and as far as can be ascertained at present will prove to be a total loss.

The *Drumblair*, four-masted ship, 1845 tons, of Liverpool, bound from Cardiff to Port Pile, has been driven ashore at Cardiff, and now lies on the rocks full of water.

The *Durham*, ship, 185 tons, of Liverpool, bound from London to Sydney, has put back to the Downs through stress of weather.

The *Korrigan*, barque, 1175 tons, of London, bound from Buenos Aires to Adelaide, has put back

into Falmouth, having lost a number of sails during the recent heavy weather in the Channel. The *Timara*, ship, of 1360 tons, of Glasgow, bound from London to Auckland, has put back to the Downs, and reports that she was unable, in the face of the severe gale, to continue her voyage down the Channel.

December 11th.
A serious charge has been made against the life-boat crew at Liverpool. It is alleged that during the late heavy weather which prevailed on the English coast, the crew put to sea with the object of proceeding to a vessel which had been wrecked. The boat's crew were in a state of intoxication, and being unable to find the wreck they drifted helplessly about in the River Mersey.

A Liberal Rural Conference, composed of farmers and agricultural laborers, was opened in London yesterday, under the presidency of Mr. Watson. The attendance numbered 225 delegates from all parts of the United Kingdom. During the discussions on the various questions the heated borne by the agriculturalists towards the Tory squires was plainly apparent. The programme submitted for the consideration of delegates includes allotments of land for laborers, rents fixed at market rates, fixity of tenure, compensation for improvements, and the establishment of parish councils. The press generally considers the conference as an unique and instructive assembly.

Mr. Gladstone was present at the banquet in connection with the Liberal Rural Conference held in London, and the reception tendered to him was one of remarkable cordiality. During the course of a speech, Mr. Gladstone said that the tendency of the rural population to immigrate to the metropolis must be regarded in the light of a national calamity. He asserted that the proposals of the Tory party to purchase holdings for the people was premature. He spoke in favor of giving power to the county councils to lease areas to the workmen by a system of ballot.

Mr. de Freycinet, the French Premier, has been received as a member of the Paris Academy. The London Trades Council has decided to extend its support to the German printers on strike.

The estate of the late Mr. C. S. Farnell has been proved at £6000 nett.

Les Debats, a Paris political newspaper, says that the chiefs of the revolt in China are intriguing at Tientsin.

King George of Greece, brother of the Princess of Wales, is seriously ill, suffering from an attack of smallpox.

December 12th.
The press generally eulogises the speech made by General Von Caprivi in introducing the Triple Alliance Commercial Treaties Bill into the German Reichstag. The general opinion prevailing is that, without a properly defined treaty, a commercial war between Germany and Austria would be inevitable.

Professor Anwers, of Berlin, finds from the transit of Venus observations, made in the year 1882, that the sun's distance from the earth is 92,530,074 miles.

The references made by President Harrison in his message to the United States Congress in regard to Chili have excited great anger at Valparaiso. It is believed that he has been misled.

The *Pall Mall*

Thirty members of the crew were drowned, only one person being saved from the ill-fated vessel. The photograph has been applied successfully in a number of cases in which deaf persons were treated. The instrument was applied to 56 inmates of Johnson's Deaf Asylum, with the result that 53 of the patients were enabled to hear the sounds transmitted.

The Bulgarian Government has expelled M. Chadowne, the French agent in Bulgaria for a Paris newspaper agency, owing to a difficulty which arose over the refusal of an official request for permission to return to the country. In consequence of this action the French Ambassador has severed his relations with the Bulgarian Government, and a national difficulty is feared.

December 15th. China has officially refused to participate in the Columbian World's Fair to be held at Chicago in 1893.

The World says that it is her Majesty's intention to open Parliament next year in person.

The yellow fever is raging at Santos, a town and port of Brazil, in the department of San Paulo. It is reported that hundreds of the inhabitants are dying daily. The sailors in the harbor are very heavy sufferers by the disease, and, in consequence, 400 vessels are lying in the port completely and partly dismantled.

Two sailors belonging to the wrecked ship *Enterkin* have been rescued in the Channel.

The tariff coalition entered into by the Powers forming the Triple Alliance has met with the approval of the Swiss and Belgian Governments.

The Government of the Argentine Republic proposes to open negotiations on the tariff question with a view of a coalition with the European Governments which have recently become allied under the Commercial Union.

A protection tariff has been introduced by the Portuguese Government into the Chamber of Deputies.

Mr. Field, jun., a partner of the New York firm of Field, Linsley and Pickers, corn merchants, whose failure was recently announced, has been arrested in connection with his actions regarding the business of the firm.

Emil Pasha, who has returned to Central Africa, whence he was brought by Mr. H. M. Stanley, has had several fights with the natives. It is reported that his position at the present time is precarious.

The Russian Government has given secret orders to the newspapers throughout the country to abstain from publishing particulars of the famine-stricken districts.

At a meeting of the London trades unionists held last night it was decided to support the printers on strike in Germany. The engineers have arranged a ballot on the question whether or not a sum of £1500 will be voted to the German strikers.

Particulars have been received regarding the wreck of the ship *Enterkin*, bound from Hull to Brisbane, during the recent gales, show that the vessel went ashore on the Gulliver Sands, close to the entrance of the Thames, and became a total wreck. A life-boat attempted to put off to the aid of those on board, but owing to the violence of the weather was swamped, and compelled to return. The whole of those on board were drowned with the exception of one apprentice, who was rescued by a fishing smack after being in the water for five hours. When rescued the survivor was lashed to a spar of the wrecked vessel.

The Pope has conferred distinction on Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, for the part he has taken in the past in resisting boycotting in Ireland.

HODART, December 16th.

A political crisis has occurred in Tasmania, both Houses having vetoed the Government financial and public works proposals.

LONDON, December 16th.

The *Financial News* says it is obvious that the people of New Zealand cannot bear the strain of excessive taxation much longer.

The directors of the Southern Pacific Railway, in the United States, have declined to employ any men on their telegraphic staff unless they agree not to join the Telegraph Society. The telegraph operators and other employees of the company have in consequence gone out on strike, and traffic on the line has been suspended.

Miss Nellie Farren, who sailed from Sydney with the London Galley Co. by the M.M. Co's steamer *Polystenus* under engagement for a season in London, is prostrated with a severe attack of rheumatic fever, and her condition is regarded as dangerous.

A New York *World* asserts that the Clan-na-Gael of Philadelphia has issued a secret circular inviting a return to physical force on the part of the members of the Irish National League of America. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the league, when it was declared that the authors of the circular in question had shown themselves by that action to be the greatest enemies Ireland possessed.

A disastrous fire, resulting in the destruction of the railway station, has occurred at Valparaiso in Chili. It is believed that the conflagration was the work of an incendiary.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, during the course of a speech delivered at Belfast yesterday, asserted that the Liberal Unionists had formed a third party in the House of Commons for many years past. He regarded a future union of the different factions of the Liberal party as impossible, and viewed a possible union with the Conservatives as impossible.

The Pope has issued an allocation, or formal official address, to Roman Catholic clergymen throughout the world, in which he states that the enemies of the Church are those who are giving expression to their hatred towards the Holy See in words, are resorting to deeds of violence. The liberty of the Pope, he states, is being threatened, and the papacy which is taking place in the outer world has a direct tendency towards the curtailment of the power and influence of the papacy. The difficulties surrounding the present situation of the Vatican are daily increasing. In conclusion he asserts that the heads of the States uphold the Church as the greatest moral power in the world.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., during the course of a speech delivered at Belfast yesterday, said that the Loyallists were justified in resisting the domination of the Roman Catholic priests and in opposing the agitation for the establishment of a National Home Rule Parliament in Dublin.

Mr. Richard Morris, the managing director of the Morris Tube Ammunition and Safety Range Company, Limited, has committed suicide.

The Pope, in his allocation to the Cardinals, declares that the enemies of the Church are seeking to inflict a death-blow to the Papacy.

A man has been arrested in Berlin for demanding £500 from a banker, and for threatening to destroy the bank by means of dynamite. Dynamite was found in the man's pockets.

Influenza is raging with great violence at Belfast, Ireland. The mortality is alarming. Ninety thousand cases of influenza have occurred at Odessa.

Servia joins the European Commercial League. The Socialists who were charged with obstructing the therapeutic at Clonsilla have been convicted and sentenced to short terms of imprisonment: ranging up to six weeks. Seven of the accused were, in addition, ordered to pay fines varying in amount, and ranging up to £50. The whole of their number were ordered to find sureties for their good behavior for a period of 18 months.

It is alleged that the action of the Bulgarian Government in expelling M. Chadowne, the

agent for a Paris news agency, from Sofia, is chiefly because the news agency was the centre of a series of intrigues. It is asserted that the rupture with France has been occasioned with a view of pleasing Russia.

There is a prospect of the bank rate of discount being reduced to 3 per cent. on Thursday. Prince Bismarck says that the commercial treaties entered into between Germany, Austria and Italy will extend over a period of 12 years.

The course adopted in connection with the commercial union is, he thinks, a leap in the dark. There is a revival of popular excitement in Chili, owing to the aggressive attitude of Mr. Patrick Egan, the United States Minister, towards the Chilean Government.

The *Novosti*, a newspaper published at St. Petersburg, advocates an alliance between Russia and Turkey.

A Securities Realisation Company is being formed to take over the assets of Messrs. Murrieta and Co.

The Russian Nihilists have published a manifesto demanding a Parliament. They have succeeded in sending a copy to the Czar.

December 17th.

Mr. C. H. Tupper, the Canadian Minister for Marine and Fisheries, speaking at Toronto, said that the basis of the national existence of the Dominion depended upon an inter-provincial system of trade union and the permanency of the connection between Canada and Great Britain.

The *Standard*, referring to the speech delivered by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain M.P., at Belfast, characterises his ideas of the Liberal Unionists forming a third party in the House of Commons as a dream. The paper asserts that it must eventually choose between the Liberals and the Conservatives.

The famine-stricken districts in Russia have been proclaimed by the Government in a state of siege. This action has been taken with a view of suppressing the anarchy and brigandage, which exist to an alarming extent.

The magistracy of Vienna has closed the Methodist Church in that city, and has inhibited the pastor from preaching. The reason given for the action is that he publicly declared to be an article of belief that the sacrifice of Man was a blasphemous fable and dangerous deed, and this is regarded as insulting to Roman Catholics.

The Royal Commission appointed by the Canadian Dominion Parliament to inquire into the charges of corruption in connection with the Bay of Chaleur railway contract has completed its work, and furnished its report. The Commission severely censures the Government of Quebec for their actions, which it characterises as illegal and corrupt. Owing to the disclosures made by the Royal Commission, Lord Stanley of Preston, the Governor-General of the Dominion, has dismissed the Minister of which Mr. Mercier is Premier. The report of the Commission, and the subsequent action of the Governor-General in dismissing the Quebec Ministry have created intense excitement throughout the province. It is anticipated that Mr. Boucherville, the leader of the Opposition, will be sent for and requested to form a Cabinet.

The German Reichstag has adopted the terms of the commercial treaty with Austria by a large majority. The treaties entered into between Germany, Austria, and Italy are to be signed at Rome.

Mr. Dunbar Barton, Unionist, has been elected unopposed for the representation of Mid Antrim in the House of Commons, rendered vacant by the death of Sir J. Corry, Conservative.

[The polling at last general election was:—Sir J. P. Corry (Conservative), 4,160; Mr. R. Gardner (Parliamentary), 2,522. Conservative majority, 1,638.]

December 18th.

The new *Parliamentary* paper, which has been established in Dublin and is called the *Dublin Independent*, demands absolute self-government for Ireland.

December 19th.

The Emperor William, during the course of a speech delivered at a banquet at Potsdam, spoke in enthusiastic terms of the services of General von Caprivi, the German Chancellor, who had, he said, saved the Fatherland from what he called the "dark shadow of the East."

The Emperor has created General von Caprivi a Count of the Empire in recognition of his services.

The dismissal of the Mercier Administration in Quebec is causing great popular ferment in the province. The Hon. Honoré Mercier, the ex-Premier, declares that his Government was dismissed by the Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. A. R. Angers, in defiance of the Constitution. He appeals to the people in support of his cause.

The ex-Premier criticises the action of the Lieutenant-Governor in a personal and insulting manner.

The French population of Quebec is much excited and threatens a disruption of the Confederation. This threat is, however, regarded by a majority of the populace as a piece of mischief.

The Austro-Hungarian Federal Parliament has agreed to the Customs treaties between Austria, Germany and Italy by a large majority. The Emperor William of Germany, and the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria will send members of the Imperial families to Madrid to urge the Government of Spain to join the Customs coalition.

The Emperor William, speaking at a banquet given in his honor at Potsdam, said that 100,000 of his subjects would have cause to bless the day on which the Customs League with other nations was formed.

The Government proposes to appropriate a sum of £200,000 for Ireland from the Imperial grant for free education. The proposal is giving rise to much controversy in Ireland.

His Majesty the Queen has expressed her sympathy with efforts which are being made to suppress rabbit poisoning in England. The radicals complain that the proposal is an attack upon the poor man's sport.

Sir Charles Dilke, in an article in the *Speaker*, opposes any sudden evacuation of Egypt by the British. He suggests that a settlement of the Egyptian question could be brought about by the French landing troops at Port Said, thereby compelling the holding of a conference, the result of which would probably be either the retirement of England and France from Egypt, or a joint occupation by those Powers, England, and France.

The Russian Government has refused the assistance proposed by Italian and German residents in St. Petersburg on behalf of the famine relief fund. There has also been some difficulty in inducing them to accept casual aid from the English, including £100,000 which has been subscribed by the Quakers.

It is believed that the Duke of Clarence would be willing to accept the position of Viceroy of Ireland.

M. Ribot, the Minister for Foreign Affairs in France, has declined to receive a confidential agent sent to Paris by Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria with regard to the expulsion of M. Cradourne, a French journalist, from Sofia.

The Right Rev. Dr. W. P. Austly, Bishop of British Columbia, has been appointed Prelate of the order of St. Michael and St. George, in succession to the late Right Rev. Dr. Charles Perry.

Edward Pritchard, the English champion, has thrown out a challenge to Jim Hall, the Australian middle-weight, for a fight to a finish for a stake of £5000 a side in May next.

The sum of £100,000 has been offered by the Society of Friends (Quakers) in England towards the relief of the peasantry suffering from famine in the provinces of Russia.

On the London Stock Exchange shares in the Bank of Australasia are quoted at £96 and shares in the Bank of New South Wales at £66.

It has been ascertained that Bell and Davis, the Sydney defaulters, cleared from Melbourne on the 16th July, "for Guam," or parts unknown. Davis, under the alias of John Bloom, having purchased the schooner *Deaf from* Wm. Doherty and Co. for trading in the South Seas, Captain Gill of Exmouth, innocently shipped as master. With Davis and Bell was a young man who has not yet been identified.

LONDON, December 20th.

A man named William Young, aged 74 years, visited the town of Pontefract (Yorkshire) yesterday for the purpose of proceeding to secure a legacy of £100,000 left him by an Australian relative. The old man while on the railway station was killed by an accident which occurred on the platform.

The Government of the United States has decided to despatch an expedition to the relief of Commander Perry, the Arctic explorer.

The French representatives in the Quebec Assembly are supporting Mr. Mercier, the deposed Premier of the Provincial Government. It is anticipated that in consequence the new Government will be defeated, and that a dissolution will be asked for, to enable the Government to secure a majority. Mr. Mercier has publicly denounced the Hon. A. R. Angers, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, as a mere malicious political opponent.

During a conflict which took place on the frontier of Tunis, one of the Barbary States of North Africa, between Turkish troops and a body of Arabs 160 Arabs were killed.

The New York *Herald* states that the United States Naval authorities are preparing for the transport of 15,000 troops to the Republic of Chile.

A revolt has occurred in the province of Espirito Santo, in Brazil. The situation in the province of Bahia, on the coast, is considered critical. A conflict has taken place between members of the police force and a number of citizens in Pernambuco, a seaport of Brazil. Sixty persons were killed, and a number of others were more or less seriously injured.

The death is announced of Mr. Edward William Vernon-Harcourt, brother-in-law of Lord Sheffield, and father of Mr. Aubrey Harcourt, at present on a tour through Australia with Lord Sheffield.

December 21st.

In an article on the formation of the European Customs Union, and the prominent part in the negotiations, played by General von Caprivi, the Chancellor of the German Empire, *Times* says that the Emperor William's faith in his Chancellor has been amply justified.

Seldom, it adds, has a more remarkable achievement been accomplished, and Germany by the establishment of the union has become stronger than ever.

Chili has settled the claims of Germany and Sweden for compensation for loss of property sustained by subjects of those countries during the late civil war in Chili.

A revolt is reported to have taken place in the province of Espirito Santo, in Brazil. The rebels deposed the Vice-Governor of the province, and surrounded the capital.

A proposal was introduced in the Corporation of Liverpool for the granting of the freedom of that city to Mr. Gladstone, but the suggestion was negatived by the aldermen.

It is believed that in the event of the Chilean Government being involved in hostilities with the United States, arising out of the recent assaults upon American sailors, the Navy Department of the United States will purchase the Pacific steamships *Zelandia*, *Australia*, *Mariposa*, and *Alameda*, belonging to the Oceanic Steamship Company of San Francisco, to serve as transport, and as part of the coast defence.

The *Times* states that the British South Africa Company has been deposed as to the value of the territory conceded to it in South Africa.

The Comite de Paris is disbanding his press and political organisations.

An extradition treaty has been signed between England and the Principality of Monaco.

In connection with the explosion of M. Cradourne, a French journalist, from Sofia, the French Government has endeavored to induce Turkey to coerce Bulgaria. It is, however, impossible that Turkey will take any action in the matter.

The *Financial Times* publishes an article in which it defends the solvency of the great Australian banks and the prudence which has led up to their success.

A sum of several millions of marks has been subscribed in Germany in aid of the project to erect a national monument to Prince Bismarck.

The *Novosti*, a newspaper published at St. Petersburg, says that it is necessary that Russia should promptly secure a commercial treaty with France.

A committee of arbitration on matters of peace has been formed amongst the Progress Party in the German Reichstag.

Mr. Madison Morton, the well-known dramatic author, is dead.

Reports from the Sudan state that Osman Digna is causing the Mahdist troops for the purpose of attempting to re-conquer Tokar. Preparations for another campaign are anticipated.

An Austrian monk and two nuns who have escaped from the Mahdists at Khartoum are now at Korosko, on the River Nile. They report that for nine years they have been kept in ignorance of the events of the world. They assert that Khartoum is in ruins, and that a small force of trained men could easily capture the Sudan.

The Chinese Government has discovered that there is a monopoly of military power amongst the military forces in the province of Hunan and Anhui. Steps are being taken to increase the power amongst the other provinces, and when this has been effected the Hunan forces will be disbanded.

The Vicar Apostolic of Mongolia telegraphs to the effect that further outrages have been perpetrated by the Mongolians. The mission station was attacked, and 1000 Christians were killed. Father Minn, a Chinese missionary, was among the number. The priests of the Belgians escaped, and are reported as safe. Since the outrage protection has arrived, and every precaution is being taken to prevent further massacres.

King George of Greece has recovered from his mild attack of smallpox.

Mr. James G. Blaine, the American Secretary of State, has assured General Mont, President of the Republic of Chili, that he feels confident that an amicable settlement of the present difficulty, arising out of a street disturbance in Santiago, when several American sailors were killed, will be effected after the whole circumstances of the matter have been fully investigated and fully considered.

The New York *Tribune* confirms the report that the United States naval authorities are preparing for the transport of 15,000 troops to Chili. The Admiral commanding the navy has secured the necessary authority empowering him to purchase vessels for transport purposes, and with him has been left the option of securing the mail steamers *Zelandia*, *Australia*, *Mariposa* and *Alameda* as transport ships.

It is reported that the *Argentine* is preparing to seize a portion of the

territory along the La Plata. Large supplies of ammunition and Krupp guns are being imported. The Governor of the Province, which will be affected by the incursion, is taking precautions to prevent its carrying into effect of those intentions, and as a precaution has greatly increased the police and military forces.

The London butchers are resorting to the scheme of freezing the carcasses of old Kentish ewes in order to dispose of inferior classes of mutton as that imported from Australia.

Mr. G. W. Hastings, the Unionist member for East Worcestershire in the House of Commons, and chairman of the Worcestershire Sessions and City Council, has been arrested on a charge of fraud as a trustee. The amount of the alleged fraud is £15,000.

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An application for bail in the case of Mr. G. W. Hastings, M.P., who was arrested for fraud as a trustee, has been refused, and he therefore remains in prison. Mr. Charles Lewis has been retained to conduct Mr. Hastings' defence.

December 22nd.

Very severe frosts are being experienced in England. Skating is general.

In many parts of the kingdom the flood-waters caused by the recent heavy rains have been converted into ice by the extreme cold. There are 100 miles of ice between Northampton and Wisbeach, where the country was greatly flooded.

Within the past six months the military forces of the United States, on the Canadian frontier, have been troubled, as a matter of precaution in the event of any rupture of relations with Canada.

A slander case possessing some remarkable features has been brought before the law courts. A Mrs. Osborne sued Mrs. Hargreaves, wife of Major Hargreaves, of Torquay, for the recovery of damages for slander in having alleged that she stole Mrs. Hargreaves' pearls while on a visit to Mrs. Hargreaves at her residence at Torquay, and also that she sold them to Spink and Son, the well-known jewellers, of London. The details of the case were of a very complicated character.

A letter was addressed to the Judge before whom the case was heard, and this was handed to counsel. The letter led to the discovery that Mrs. Osborne had negotiated a bank-note which she had received from Spink and Son. Upon this fact being made known, plaintiff's counsel retired from the case.

The discovery produced a sensation in court. Three Russian Grand Dukes have subscribed 120,000 rubles to the fund for the relief of the sufferers in the famine districts. The Czarwick, and the Grand Duke Nicholas, subscribed 50,000 rubles.

The Russian Government is organizing extensive relief works for the benefit of the sufferers. The works are to be in readiness for the spring.

The steamer *Abyssinia*, of the Gulon line, has been burned in the Atlantic. All on board were saved.

The friction between the Chilean Cabinet and Mr. P. Egan, United States Minister, is increasing. An attempt made to arrest Mr. Egan's son was unsuccessful.

The American fleet appears to be slowly assembling at Valparaiso.

December 23rd.

There is a strong feeling in the Brazilian navy in favour of the re-establishment of Monarchy in Brazil.

There are indications of a mutinous spirit among the men of the Navy. The Army, on the other hand, adheres to the cause of General Filadelfo, the President of the Republic, who succeeded the Dictator, Marshal da Fonseca.

The Imperial diamond case in India which Mr. Jacob, a Simla jeweller, was committed for trial on a charge preferred against him by the Nizam of Hyderabad of having criminally misappropriated 35 lakhs of rupees in connection with the purchase of the diamond by the Nizam, is closed. Mr. Jacob was acquitted.

J. J. Sullivan and F. P. Slavin will sign articles on Tuesday for a fight for a purse of 40,000, which amount has been offered on condition that the encounter takes place at New Orleans.

The Hon. Cecil Rhodes, Premier of Cape Colony, has been thrown from his horse in Capetown. He sustained a fracture of the collarbone.

Severe weather prevails in Italy. Thirty-five labourers have lost their lives in a heavy snowstorm at Abruzzo.

Eight soldiers of the Russian Imperial Guard have been condemned to death at St. Petersburg for the murder of citizens, whom they deposed into the back of a truck.

Two Italian dockers have been tried at Naples on a charge of having treacherously murdered at Villorosa a young military officer, the widow of their sister. One duke was acquitted, and the other was found guilty and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Southern Hungary has been visited by a terrible epidemic of malignant diphtheria. In several villages all the children died from the disease.

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